MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Are the Government aware that formerly there was a bridge at the Pulikizh crossing ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Has the place become less important now so that a bridge there is considered to be unnecessary ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The P. W. D. authorities are of opinion that the ferry there is quite sufficient to meet the requirements of the people.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) Is it on the ground that the crossing is less used by the public now that a bridge there is considered unnecessary ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : That is a matter of opinion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : I wish to know whether the opinion that a bridge there is unnecessary is based on the impression that the place has become less important or that the crossing is less used by the public.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I have already stated on what ground the opinion is based. The P. W. D. reports that the ferry there serves the needs of the people.

Public works in the Kartikapalli and Mavelikara taluks.

29. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether instructions have been issued by them or the Chief Engineer that some of the public works for which provision is made in the Budget for 1107 need not be executed this year (1107) ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the names of the works in Mavelikara and Kartikapalli taluks with reference to which such instructions have been issued ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) Allotments for some of the public works for which provision has been made in the Budget for 1107 have been surrendered fully on account of financial stringency. Such works in the taluks of Mavelikara and Kartikapalli are :—

(i) The acquisition of the land for widening the eastern approach to the Thazhakara bridge on the first mile of the Mavelikara-Trikkunnapuzha road.

(ii) Easing the curves on the Quilon-Alleppey road, mile 23/4 to 24th mile.—

The Trikkariyur temple road.

30. MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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